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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Cuba Policy Review (S)

The President has formally approved the scheduling of an NSPG meeting to review our current policy toward Cuba and to discuss the status of measures decided upon in NSDDs 17, 21, 37, 37(a), and 59, which directly affect Cuba and its ability to undermine U.S. interests and the interests of our friends and allies. (S)

The President believes that while measures taken against the Castro regime have raised the cost to that regime, our policy has not as yet significantly deterred Havana. Therefore, the President wishes the policy review to have as its basic objective a significant reduction of Cuban activity hostile to American and allied interests around the world. (S)

The specific terms of reference for this meeting include the following:

- o A review of all NSDD action items contained in NSDDs 17, 21, 37, 37(a), and 59, and preparation of a detailed status report on each item. (S)
- o A review of the effectiveness of each action item in the belief that some need to be altered, perhaps eliminated, or complemented by other actions. (S)
- o An assessment of overall costs to the Castro regime and determination of deterrent value, if any. (S)
- o Exploration of additional measures that would directly and greatly increase the cost of Cuban adventurism around the world. (S)

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- o A review of the basic objectives of our policy and its organization and management along with the consideration of alternate strategies. (S)

Each department and agency will prepare status reports on actions appropriate to each department and agency contained in NSDDs 17, 21, 37, 37(a), and 59. The Department of State will take the lead in integrating all action item assessments. (S)


- o The Department of State will deal with action item 1 in NSDD 17; political and economic action items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 in NSDD 21; action items 3, 4, and 6 in NSDD 37. (S)
- o The Department of the Treasury will deal with action item 7 in NSDD 17 and political and economic action item 3 in NSDD 21. (S)
- o The Department of Defense will consider action items 10 and 11 in NSDD 17; military and intelligence action items 2, 3, 4, and 5 in NSDD 21; action item 4 in NSDD 37; and action item 1 in NSDD 37(a). (S)

Particular emphasis should be placed on the development of other action items that will raise the cost to the Castro government. (S)

In addition, the Central Intelligence Agency will prepare an intelligence community update on all Cuban activities inimical to U.S. interests, and other possible actions the Castro government may take in the next year. (S)

All prepared materials will be completed and forwarded to the Deputy Secretary of State by November 10, 1982. The Deputy Secretary of State will convene an Interagency Group to review the materials and forward them together with any supplementary recommendations to the President for consideration at an NSPG no later than November 15, 1982. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

  
William P. Clark

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